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Pryor	◆	St. Xavier	◆	Wyola		

The most current county-by-county information can be found in our quarterly publication *Employment and Labor Force Trends*. And most of our information is on the Internet at <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/lmi/lmi.htm>. In addition, we'll do our best to provide information in accessible format, on request, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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Big Horn County

Located in southeastern Montana, Big Horn County is Montana's 16th most populous with 11,337 residents, according to the 1990 Census.

Hardin, the county seat, is the state's 23rd largest city with a population of 2,940. Big Horn County is home to the Crow Indian Reservation, Montana's largest. The Cheyenne Reservation borders the Crow on the east. The Little Bighorn National Monument is southeast of Hardin and memorializes those who died when Lt. Col. George A. Custer and his troops were defeated by Sioux and Cheyenne warriors on June 25, 1876. The county is rich in coal resources and coal mining was the fifth largest industry in 1995.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Custer County households in 1989 was \$19,101. The county is 5,014.7 square miles in area; 4,994.9 square miles in land area and 19.8 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. Average monthly temperatures range from a minimum of 13 degrees above in January to a maximum of 84 degrees above in July. The annual average precipitation is 14.85 inches and the average growing season 135 days.

Big Horn County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	7/1/95 Estimate	7/1/94 Estimate	4/1/90 Census	% Change '90 to '95	% Change '90 to '94
Montana	870,281	856,057*	799,065	8.9%	7.1%
Big Horn County	12,215	12,060*	11,337	7.7%	6.4%
Hardin	Not Available	2,985	2,940	Not Available	1.5%
Lodge Grass	Not Available	504	517	Not Available	-2.5%

A Count Of New Businesses By Industry Big Horn County 1995

SIC Code*	Industry	# Of New Busi- nesses
17	Special Trade Contractors	4
58	Eating & Drinking Places	3
59	Miscellaneous Retail Trade	2
84	Museums, Art Galleries & Botanical & Zoological Gardens	1
79	Amusement & Recreation Services	1
75	Auto-Repair Services	1
70	Hotels, Rooming Houses, Camps & Other Lodging Places	1
02	Agricultural Production-Livestock	1
55	Auto Dealers-Gasoline Service Stations	1
54	Food Stores	1
51	Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1
24	Lumber & Wood Products, Except Furniture	1
88	Private Households	1
TOTAL		19

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau

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Top 10 Private Employers In Big Horn County *Listed In Alphabetical Order*

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First Quarter 1996 Unemployment Insurance Information

Annual Average Labor Force For Big Horn County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
1970	3,664	3,496	168	4.6%
1971	3,759	3,530	229	6.1%
1972	3,704	3,481	223	6.0%
1973	3,865	3,608	257	6.6%
1974	4,177	3,856	321	7.7%
1975	4,157	3,862	295	7.1%
1976	4,346	4,091	255	5.9%
1977	4,555	4,194	361	7.9%
1978	5,518	5,150	368	6.7%
1979	5,901	5,603	298	5.0%
1980	6,055	5,662	393	6.5%
1981	5,766	5,235	531	9.2%
1982	5,524	5,023	501	9.1%
1983	5,263	4,816	447	8.5%
1984	4,603	4,201	402	8.7%
1985	4,759	4,268	491	10.3%
1986	4,921	4,199	722	14.7%
1987	4,864	4,233	631	13.0%
1988	4,778	4,264	514	10.8%
1989	4,364	3,876	488	11.2%
1990	4,599	3,981	618	13.4%
1991	4,710	4,170	540	11.5%
1992	5,163	4,397	766	14.8%
1993	5,039	4,399	640	12.7%
1994	5,217	4,565	652	12.5%
1995	4,931	4,310	621	12.6%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau

Resources

Chamber of Commerce:

Hardin Area Chamber, 219 N. Center Ave., Hardin, MT 59034, 406-665-1672

Department of Labor and Industry

Billings Job Service Centers

624 N. 24th St., 406-248-7371, (Main Office)

2121-B Rosebud Dr., 406-652-3080 (Satellite Office)

Job Service Job Search Information Kiosk

Billings—Parmly Library, 510 N. Broadway

Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Research & Analysis Bureau Publications

For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, profile of the Montana worker, job projections, hourly pay by occupation and skills and education required to qualify for specific jobs, contact the bureau at any of the numbers listed on the front of this publication.

Internet:

Montana Job Service home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/>

City of St. Xavier Home Page—Use the Search Utilities on the Internet to find home pages for Montana cities.

Housing Costs:

Check the Yellow Pages in the local phone directory for the *Real Estate* listings.

Montana Motor Vehicle Division:

Drivers Licensing

Hardin—Courthouse, 406-665-3520

Newspapers:

Big Horn County News, 204 N. Center Ave., Hardin, MT 59034, 406-665-1008

Public Libraries:

Big Horn County Library, 419 Custer Ave., Hardin, MT 59034-1892, 406-665-1808

Postsecondary Education Institutions:

Tribally Controlled Community Colleges

Little Big Horn Community College, P. O. Box 370, Crow Agency, MT 59022, 406-638-2228

Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:

Community Elementary, 511 W. 6th, Hardin, MT 59034-1424, 406-665-1304

Hardin Public Schools, Route 1 Box 1001, Hardin, MT 59034-9707, 406-665-1304

Lodge Grass Public Schools, Drawer AF, Lodge Grass, MT 59050, 406-639-2304

Pryor Public Schools, Box 229, Pryor, MT 59066, 406-259-7329

Squirrel Creek Elementary, Decker, MT 59025, 406-875-2222

Wyola Elementary, P. O. Box 66, Wyola, MT 59089, 406-343-2722

Big Horn County Employment By Industry* Annual Averages 1995

Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	276	3,702	Auto Dealers-Service Stations	15	88
PRIVATE BUSINESS	232	2,585	Eating & Drinking	23	218
AGRI, FORESTRY, FISH	10	53	Miscellaneous Retail	11	43
Agriculture Production-Livestock	6	31	FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	15	73
Agriculture Services	3	8	Banking	3	44
MINING	8	515	Insurance Agents	8	17
Bitum Coal & Lig Mining	5	511	Real Estate	8	11
CONSTRUCTION	30	108	SERVICES	73	1,103
General Building	5	7	Hotels & Lodging	7	44
Heavy Construction	6	85	Personal Services	3	8
Special Trade	18	32	Auto Repair Services	3	4
MANUFACTURING	6	81	Amusement & Recreation	15	110
Lumber	3	5	Health Services	8	174
TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES	8	87	Legal Services	5	11
Elec., Gas, Sanitation	4	35	Social Services	7	527
WHOLESALE TRADE	9	58	Membership Organizations	4	85
Nondurable Goods	7	51	Engineering Services	8	41
RETAIL TRADE	71	525	GOVERNMENT	43	1,118
Bldg Materials-Garden	5	28	State	8	50
General Merchandise	3	23	Local	11	827
Food Stores	10	123	Federal	23	438

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau

*Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex 1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data Civilian Labor Force-All Persons

Occupation	Total	Male	Female
<i>Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations</i>	952	417	535
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	324	201	123
Professional Specialty Occupations	628	216	412
<i>Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations</i>	1,002	295	707
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	92	51	41
Sales Occupations	266	143	123
Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical	644	101	543
<i>Service Occupations</i>	941	358	583
Private Household Occupations	4	0	4
Protective Service Occupations	158	123	35
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	779	235	544
<i>Farming, Forestry, Fishing</i>	565	505	60
<i>Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations</i>	353	318	35
Mechanics and Repairers	113	106	7
Construction Trade	169	165	4
Extractive Occupations	11	11	0
Precision Production Occupations	60	36	24
<i>Operators, Fabricators and Laborers</i>	546	465	81
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	90	67	23
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	236	210	26
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	220	188	32
<i>Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience</i>	210	138	72

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59820, 406-444-2898

Per Capita Personal Income

	1970	1980	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
Montana	\$3,524	\$8,728	\$14,741	\$15,772	\$16,555	\$17,635	\$17,794
% of National Average	87%	88%	79%	82%	82%	85%	82%
Big Horn County	\$2,942	\$7,885	\$10,900	\$11,507	\$11,320	\$13,055	\$12,533
% of National Average	73%	79%	58%	60%	56%	63%	58%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System

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1990 Census of Population and Housing

Persons by Age, Race and Sex

School Age	White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5-11	530	262	2	2	1,132	661	6	5	40	18	6	4
12-14	193	87	1	1	448	212	4	2	20	11	4	2
15-17	217	102	1	0	391	181	3	3	22	11	2	2
18-21	186	86	2	2	389	207	2	2	21	12	4	2
Total	1,126	537	6	5	2,360	1,161	15	12	103	52	16	10

Working & Voting Age	White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
16+	3,754	1,916	10	6	3,735	1,976	31	20	176	80	53	22
16-64	2,984	1,472	10	6	3,498	1,848	26	18	158	74	46	19
18+	3,612	1,852	10	6	3,477	1,849	29	18	166	74	53	22
18-64	2,842	1,406	10	6	3,240	1,721	24	16	148	66	46	19

Other Age Group	White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
0-4	364	163	4	2	841	407	4	3	46	23	3	1
5-17	940	451	4	3	1,971	954	13	10	82	40	12	6
18-44	1,796	915	9	6	2,463	1,307	13	8	115	53	34	13
45-64	1,046	493	1	0	777	414	11	8	33	15	14	6
62+	905	504	0	0	316	172	9	4	21	6	6	3
65+	770	444	0	0	237	128	5	2	18	6	5	3
Total	4,916	2,468	18	11	6,289	3,210	46	31	294	137	66	31

Source: Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59820, 406-444-2896

Big Horn County			
County of Residence	# Who Work in Big Horn County	County of Work	# Who Live in Big Horn County
Out of State	539	Out of State	10
Big Horn County	3,133	Big Horn County	3,133
Yellowstone County	196	Rosebud County	164
Other Montana Counties	23	Treasure County	23
		Yellowstone County	128
		Other Montana Counties	51

Source: 1990 Census Data provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

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